

SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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March Meeting The March Meeting of the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society will be held on Sunday, March 27, 1977, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building. Our guest speaker will be Miss Edith Potter. Miss Potter is a field researcher for the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Members of the Society may bring guests to this meeting.

New Officers Election of officers was held at the January business meeting of the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society. The new Officers for 1977 - 78 are:

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| Mrs. Thomas Woodward, Jr. | President               |
| Mr. H. R. Gray, Jr.       | 1st. Vice-President     |
| Mr. Boyd E. Quate         | 2nd. Vice-President     |
| Mr. Kermit Hobbs          | Recording Secretary     |
| Mrs. W. Hill Kilby        | Corresponding Secretary |
| Mrs. J. R. Neal           | Treasurer               |
| Mrs. Marion J. Watson     | Historian               |

Dues Are Due Dues for 1977 are now payable. Please keep your membership current. Checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 1255, Suffolk, Virginia 23434 or may be paid in person at our next meeting.

Fall House Tour At the January business meeting the Society voted to have a Fall house tour similar to tours conducted in other localities. We hope to have a successful tour and feel it will be a beneficial undertaking. It will, however, require a great deal of work and we hope to have the help and cooperation of all members of the Society. More details will be available as plans are finalized. If you are called upon to help with the tour, please do so.

We Need A Home This year the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society is ten years old. We are alive, healthy and growing stronger every year. We need a home! A permanent home. A place we can call our very own. Some place to keep our records, our ever growing accumulation of pictures and other important memorabilia. We need a place where your directors and committees can meet and work on the Society's business. We need a place where interested persons can come, inspect and study or use the historical point of view. If it is worth anything, it is worth preserving. The heritage of our great City is far too important to be left to the good nature of someone with a spare bedroom, a big closet, or space in the attic. A great man (or was it a woman?) once said: "The future is only as great as the consideration of the past."

Boyd E. Quate, Second Vice-President

July 9, 1885. Geo. W. Singleton Died. He had been in business in Suffolk for many years, devoting a part of his time to the oyster business, which in his day was one of the industries of the town.

July 9, 1911. There was a fire at the Montgomery Lumber Company's mill, but the sprinklers worked well and it was soon under control.

July 9, 1913. Tazewell J. Saunders died. He had been a prominent farmer in Chuckatuck District.

July 9, 1916. Mrs. Eliza Bonnavell, died aged 89 years. She had lived in and around Suffolk most of her life and knew a great deal about its growth.

July 7, 1910. There was a cloud burst of rain in this section.

July 7, 1925. Capt. James Mayo was drowned.

July 7, 1922. Isaac P. January died. He was a descendant of Abraham, born in the vicinity of Riga, Russia, emigrated to the United States, as a young man entered the mercantile business, and was a long time a member of the clothing house of January & Bros. Coming young to this country, he soon learned the language and grew to be one of the substantial citizens of the city. Quiet in manner, peaceable in disposition, a good neighbor, and numbered his friends by the score, not only among his people but among the citizens of the section in general. He was a member of several local orders, and they attended his funeral in a body.

Edited by H. R. Gray, Jr.  
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